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ENTITLED: HINGE POSITION LOCATION THAT CAUSES PENDULOUS AXIS
TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY PARALLEL WITH DRIVE COMPONENT
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